

# **NEWS Utah Labor Commission**

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### **Mine Safety Technical Advisory Council Established**

SALT LAKE CITY, April 20, 2009 – The Utah Labor Commission announces the appointment of members of the Mine Safety Technical Advisory Council (Council) for the Office of Coal Mine Safety (OCMS). The OCMS was established in 2008 by the Mine Safety Act and works as an integral partner with all entities of the coal mine industry and coal miner certification officials. The Mine Safety Act also establishes the Council and defines the categories for each member appointed by the Utah Labor Commissioner. The purpose of the Council is to maximize coal mine safety and advise the OCMS on all related issues. Voting members, appointed to a four year term, include:

Mike Dalpaiz - International Vice President, United Coal Mine Workers of America  
Steven Childs - Skyline Mine  
Don Shelly - Deer Creek Mine  
John Byars - Manager of Engineering, Sufco Mine-Arch Coal  
Jimmy Brock - Senior V.P., Consol Energy  
Robert Weyher Jr. - President, Utah Mining Association  
Lamar Guymon - Sherriff, Emery County  
Terri Watkins - Chief Nursing Office, Castle View Hospital  
Walter Arabaz- Professor, U. of U. Dept. of Geology and Geophysics  
Kim McCarter - Professor, U. of U. Mining Engineering Department  
Ralph Sanich – Manager of Health, Safety & Training – Interwest Mining Company  
Randy Tatton - President, Mining Health & Safety Solutions  
Miles Nelson- Associate V.P., College of Eastern Utah Labor Commission

Non-voting members include:

Sherrie Hayashi - Utah Labor Commissioner  
Bruce Riches- Captain, Department of Public Safety  
John Baza - Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining - Dept. of Natural Resources  
J.D. McKenzie - Acting Branch Chief, U.S. Dept. of the Interior- Bureau of Land Management  
Allyn C. Davis- District 9 Manager, Mine Safety and Health Administration

The Council meets quarterly and will hold its first meeting Tuesday, April 21, 11:00 a.m. at the Utah Labor Commission - 160 E. 300 So., Salt Lake City, Utah. Agenda items include a review of the Coal Mine Safety Act, a review and discussion of the Utah Mine Safety Commission Report and Recommendations, and development of a plan to prioritize and implement those recommendations.

For further information or questions regarding the meeting, please call Garth Nielsen, Director of the Office of Coal Mine Safety at (435) 636-1467.

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